



Shawnee National Forest

2016

Spring/Summer Calendar of Events

February

Garden of the Gods Quarter Illinois Quarter Launch Event

Southeastern Illinois College
Deaton Gymnasium
3575 College Road Harrisburg

Thursday, February 4
10:00am-11:00am Ceremony
11:00am-12:00pm Coin Exchange

Come join the Shawnee National Forest and the US Mint at a unique historical event commemorating the release of the Shawnee National Forest quarter dollar coin — the 31st coin of the U.S. Mint America the Beautiful Quarters® Program. On February 4th, the U.S. Mint will release a new Illinois quarter featuring the Shawnee National Forest's Camel Rock formation on the back of the quarter. A special ceremony will be held at Southeastern Illinois College to roll-out the new quarter, followed by a coin exchange (1 roll/\$10 minimum, 10 rolls/\$100 maximum). This will be the first opportunity to obtain the new quarter, featuring this local favorite recreation site.



April

Illinois Indigenous Plants Symposium

John A. Logan Center for Business &
Industry
Friday-Sunday, April 1-3rd

This year's theme will be "Native Landscapes, Landscaping with Natives" with guest speaker Karen Midden, Landscape Architect.

Sponsored by: IL Native Plant Society, SIU, University of Illinois Extension and John A. Logan College.

Trigg's Ozark Trails and Tours

Johnson County IL.

Saturday, April 2
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cost \$40/person

Join us for the 2016 Ozark Tour where experienced guides will lead you to the *Wildflowers & Waterfalls* of the Shawnee National Forest. Lunch will be provided. Extensive hiking will be required and participants should wear sturdy boots, dress for the weather and bring comfort items such as water and trail snacks. Registration fee is \$40 per person and includes lunch and a t-shirt. For more information or to register visit www.illinoisozarks.com or email info@illinoisozarks.com or call 618-264-5854.

This event is made possible through a partnership with the Illinois Ozarks, Saline County Tourism, Gallatin County Tourism and the River to River Trail Society.



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Guided Hike at LaRue Pine Hills The Snake Road

Saturday, April 9th

12:00 pm

Winter's Pond (north end Snake Rd.)

Join IDNR Natural Heritage Biologist Scott Ballard and botanist, Shannon Sharp for a guided hike along the Snake Road. Learn about the variety of reptiles and amphibians and spring wildflowers that are found in this ecologically rich Research Natural Area. Long pants, hiking shoes, water, snacks and a camera are recommended.

Kids Fair

Southeastern Illinois College

April 26th

4:00 – 6:00 pm

This fun filled afternoon at Southeastern Illinois College's Kids Fair provides entertainment for all ages. Bring out the little ones to meet Smokey Bear and learn of his Fire Prevention message.

Prescribed Burning

Saturday, April 30th

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Meet at Hidden Springs
Ranger Station, Vienna, IL**

Wildland fire fascinates most everyone; Join Prescribed fire specialist, Scott Crist on a tour of a prescribed burn area in the Shawnee National Forest. Learn first-hand what goes into planning and implementing a prescribed burn. As well as how prescribed burning is used as a management tool as you visit a pre- and post-burn site.

Participants will meet Scott at the Hidden Springs Ranger Station and drive to the burn area(s) approximately 15 minutes away.

May

Cache River Nature Fest

Saturday, May 7

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cache River Wetland Center

This event highlights the rich diversity of habitats and wildlife in the Cache River watershed. Guided canoe tours, bike trips, hikes, live animal demonstrations, various activity stations, and special presentations will be scheduled throughout the day.

For more information, visit www.cacherivernaturefest.net or call 618-657-2064

June

Fishing Derbies

Saturday, June 4

7:30am

**Lake Glendale Recreation Area
Golconda, IL**

Kids ages 5 through 15 are invited to attend the Fishing Derby with an accompanying adult. Learn to fish and have fun with games and crafts. Children will sign up by age. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in different fishing categories.

Saturday, June 4

7:30am

**Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive Site
Grand Tower, IL**

Arborwild!

Tuesday, June 7

9:00am-1:00pm

Evergreen Park -Carbondale, IL

Children and their families are invited to come learn about and participate in fun activities about topics such as recycling, fishing, birding, mammals, cultural heritage, and wildland fires. Each year new programs, activities and crafts are featured during this event, so you're sure to discover something new!